

Northern Rustic *Standfussiana lucerneae* (L.) (Lep.: Noctuidae) in Dumfries and Galloway, south-west Scotland

Although the Northern Rustic is not shown as occurring in Dumfries and Galloway in Heath and Emmet (1979. *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland* 9: 154-155) there are a significant number of records for the area. In Wigtownshire, we have recorded it as follows:

Float Bay, on the coast at O. S. grid reference NX 061472, three on 16 July 1999; Mull of Galloway NX157306, two on 17 July 1999; Burrow Head NX 445343, one on 23 July 1999); Monreith NX 372393, one on 24 July 1999; Dally Bay NW 967687, one on 25 July 1999; Dunskey Castle NX 005533, five on 27 July 1999, seven on 21 July 2000; Garheugh Rocks NX264504, one on 22 July 2000; Port Kale, Portpatrick NW 991553, twelve on 11 July 2003 and Barsalloch Point NX 346411 one on 23 August 2003.

Two of these sites are also mentioned in the early literature. Northern Rustic was found at Monreith in 1899 (Morton, K. J. 1900. Notes on Wigtownshire Lepidoptera. *Annals of Scottish Natural History*, pp. 156-159) and elsewhere on the shores of Luce Bay where the species was reported as "local, not uncommon below rocky cliffs; plentiful on rough boulder-clad slopes below Garheugh Rocks, Luce Bay, 13/7/[19]05, 14/7/[19]05, 18/4/[19]06." (Gordon, R.S. 1913. A List of the Macro-Lepidoptera of Wigtownshire. *Transactions of the Dumfries and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society, 1912-14*, pp. 168-188, see p. 181). There is also a record only 1.5km north of Port Kale, at Killantringan, NW 982564 (Evans, W. 1916. Lepidoptera and other insects at Scottish lighthouses in 1915. *Scottish Naturalist*, pp. 129-133, see p. 132).

In Dumfriesshire we have recorded it inland on a rocky slope on Corserig Hill, Kelloholm (one on 26 July 2003 and one on 19 September 2003). The only other recent county records are all from the National Trust for Scotland nature reserve at the Grey Mare's Tail, near Moffat (in the vicinity of NT 184148), one on 6 August 1993 and in 1995 (numbers and date not available). There is an old report for lowland Dumfriesshire, from the Crichton Institution, Dumfries, with the general comment that it was "not common" (Lenonn [= Lennon], W. 1864. List of Lepidoptera taken near Dumfries. *Transactions of the Dumfries and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society, 1862-1869*, pp. 53-61, see p. 57.).

Although it is likely to occur on both coastal and inland cliffs in Kirkcudbrightshire it has not so far been recorded in that county.

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